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Review of Implementation on RTE Act
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the Right to Education Act, 2009 and development of physical and sports education in schools;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds allocated and spent for the development of physical and sports education and also for implementation of various educational projects in the country during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government is contemplating inclusion of physical education in school syllabus for skill development among the youths; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Central government reviews and monitors implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 periodically with the States at different fora, including the State Education Ministers' Conferences, through school based data provided under Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE). The Department releases an annual publication on State-wise progress under the RTE Act, which is available on the Ministry's website. The RTE Act, 2009 which became operative with effect from 1st April, 2010 provides, inter alia, part time instructor for health and physical education in upper primary schools, where enrolment of children is above one hundred. Accordingly, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) which is the designated scheme for meeting the objectives of RTE Act, 2009 supports physical education and sports at the upper primary level (Classes VI to VIII).

Funds under the SSA programme for approved activities are released based on Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) of the respected States/UTs. School grant is provided to all government and government aided schools annually for the replacement of non-functional school equipment and for incurring other recurring cost such as consumables, play material, games, sports equipment etc. As reported by the States/UTs, a total of 69,844 posts of part time teacher on health and physical education have been sanctioned under SSA, against which 30,048 posts have been filled up as on 31.3.2015. State/UT-wise central share released under SSA in the last three years and current year are at Annexure.
(c) & (d): National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 recommends health and physical education as a compulsory subject area from Classes I to X and as an optional subject at Senior Secondary Stage (Classes XI and XII). All States have either adopted NCF or adapted their curriculum as per NCF.
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